

Joseph Hasser

Dear Joe:

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on Colonial Currency. ^{I believe that it} ~~is~~ is the earliest exclusive
discussion of the subject as a whole. ~~It is~~.
It is missing its rear paper wrapper and
the chart, but the copy at the American Numismatic
Society is missing both also. I do have a complete
one. You will note on page 12 that the ^{author} ~~was~~ ^{was}
accurate on the timing of the first issue of Continentals.
I hope you like it as it is the first
example to ^{become} available in many years, so far
as I know.

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

3/8/77

Dear Eric -

Here's old Bickerstaff

-- and my cousin --

Read and enjoy - the
conversion table is somewhere
in the middle of the book.
Where could I find a list
of all the coins in reasonably
common usage in the colonies
during colonial times?

The silk square, hopefully,
might be an idea for
Lutz's "eye" for decorating.

Love from - Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 18, 1977

Mr. Joseph Lasser
Nueberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

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Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

Lewis
8/24/77

Dear Eric -

Ruth and I are in
Hiken today and will be
back tomorrow around
noon.

Doug Robins ^{Portland Oregon} intends
to show you two New Hampshire
notes ① Gd 1755 Crown Point and
② Gd January 1763 (not illustrated
in EPMA). If you don't
buy the notes, I am interested
in them and have indicated
to Robins that I would
offer a bid that based
on prices that you
(over)

thought appropriate. The
two notes are part of a lot
that Robins wants to sell and
he does not wish to break up.
He says he wants \$5,000 for
the lot which would work out
to about ^{\$}2,000 per note for
the 1755 and 1763 items.

I think it's too high and,
Candidly, I won't come
up to the ^{\$}2,000 per note level.

I've left an indication of
about ^{\$}1500 for the two notes (^{\$}750
each) and implied about
^{\$}2,250 - ^{\$}2,500 for the total.

You now have all the background
and can make your judgment on your
bid accordingly. See you Thurs - Vol

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 29, 1977

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

Here is the New Hampshire 6d #4757 of January 1, 1763, duly cleaned and in two pieces. Your contact can repair it easily and she may remove part of the right border to eliminate the missing triangular area. That also gives her threads to use for repair if she needs any.

Did you pay for it or do I owe someone else? "It ain't worth a six pence" won't apply here.

Thanks for your services.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

REGISTERED MAIL # 2346733

\$1.40 - 62.10

3-3 .75

\$2.45

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

1/18/78

Dear Eric

Here's the counterfeit
CC \$ 9/26/78. Your illustrations
in 1st Edition of EPMA p. 38
show a genuine Ryss signature on
a 4/1/78 \$ 30 and the \$ 50 9/26/78 shows
a genuine Cox signature. On the counterfeit's
top border, notice the convex arching
of the word "Continental"

Best

Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

1/25/78

Dear Eric -

I now have your
New Hampshire piece in hand.
My early Carolina piece is
still lost, thus there is
no charge. There was a reluctance
to do anything but a good joint on
the 1/8/63 note because it would
have impaired the signature on
the reverse. I paid \$4M for the 2 notes;
thus this note is 2M. I hope
you enjoy it. Best - Joe

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 8, 1978

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

Thank you so much for the Parker article on Connecticut money. I am delighted to have it. It makes me feel good that someone has read and rehashed in a well written manner things that others wrote in the past. I ought to be pleased because he has lifted section after section bodily from things I did, but my reaction to his scholarship is affected when no footnote references are given, except in the case of reproduced tables at the end. Finally, on page 51, he casually lists items "For Further Reading" as you do in school, without any mention how extensively he used them for his text.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

2/13/78

Dear Eric -

I received the
NIASCA bill on "my"
items today and paid it.
However, I think that
one of your purchases
was included; so please
check all the material
when you receive it.

All the Best, Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 21, 1978

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Nueberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

Enclosed is \$3 Continental February 17, 1776 #111590 signed
by Dennis Griffith and John Howard.

Please observe that the number is different because I believe
the second to last letter, which is 9, indicates that the third letter
is not a 9.

Best wishes,

Eric P. Newman

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MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

2/23/78

Dear Eric -

Just a reminder.

I sent you a [#]60 CC

9/26/78 Cox & Rykes about
a month ago. Because it
was counterfeit I thought
you might want it. It
was sold to me by J.V. Teaparty
and I haven't paid for
it. As a consequence, I'm
embarrassed. Could you
let me know if you want the

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

note. The cost is \$5

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

All the Best, Joe

81.93

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

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2/23/78

Dear Eric -

Here's lot #1867

as promised

Cordially -

Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

2/9/79

Dear Eric -

Here's the Connecticut Bicentennial monograph. It's better than one reasonably might expect. I hope it proves of value.

My continuing CC research has led me to a curiously intriguing point. Three men not authorized as CC signers 3/9/76 signed whole \$ 2/17/76 notes. I have found many men ~~who~~ ^{who} signed CC currency for the first time in 1977 (the Hillegas appointees) etc. who signed fractional notes of 2/17/76 but only

Your collection

#3	# 111590	Dennis Griffith	authorized	2/8/77
#5	# 119590	Horatio Johnson	"	2/13/77
#6	# unknown	Rinaldo Johnson	"	1/31/77

All three of the whole \$ notes were in your collection 1/10/75. I would very much appreciate Xeroxes for verification.

At the NASCA sale, evening session 1/31/78, a Mr Hans Jacquet proudly showed me a \$10 1/26/76 New Hampshire note # 2066 signed by J. Smith and J. Moulton

It looked as if it was fully genuine. Jacquett claims he obtained it last summer from a New Hampshire man who was rebuilding an old structure.

#10 1775 N.H. notes with this ~~note~~ under discussion. I do think it is genuine and EPMA ~~2nd Ed~~ does not list the denomination.

As a consequence, you probably have a "sheet structure" problem, but it is better to know that the ^{#10} note exists; and it ~~leaves~~ open the possibility that other denominations of the 7/3/76 issue also might exist.

I am most curious as to your knowledge of the subject.

We were lucky again on Santhdown

All the Best

Joe

P.S. The Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress (U.S. Govt Printing Office) lists Pierce. Long, rather than Peirce as the ~~man~~ Congress member

signed of the ^{NH} 6/28/76 and 7/3/76
issues. Should EPMA 2nd Ed
accept this as an appropriate
correction to -

Best Again

Joe

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 16, 1979

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
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New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

Your fascinating article on the Greene family is at hand
and I enjoyed reading and rereading it.

You have made a major contribution to American paper money
history. I have taken the liberty of making a lot of suggestive changes.
I hope you can use some of them and not have it hurt your pride of
authorship.

I hope you had a wonderful trip to Peru.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

Send to
Joe Hassen
at his home in
Seaside

Boal Post

Who Was Who / 1919

1919

mailed 4/24/19

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK 10583

7/8/79

Dear Eric -

Enclosed is the Revere
"Rising Sun" note that I acquired
at the NASCA sale early in May.
You may have forgotten, but I
told you that I suspect it is
a counterfeit, simply based upon the
poor quality of the workmanship
on the obverse i.e. the general clarity
of the impression; the irregularity of
the words "Five Shillings" and the
almost cartoonlike sun. I asked
you to send some xeroxes of other
similar Five Shilling notes, but I'm
sure you failed to remember - and
I, undoubtedly, would also be too absent-
minded to recall such a minor item.
Nevertheless, if it is counterfeit
and you want it, it's yours.
But if it's genuine and Paul/Revere

was just a sloppy workman
send it back to me - I don't
have a 5 shilling in my collection -

All the Best to you
And Family

Joe Lane

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

July 17, 1979

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
119 Cushman Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Joe:

I am pleased, or not pleased, to report that the 5 shilling 1779 Massachusetts piece is genuine. The face impression is excellent. I had sent you a photocopy of my piece to the office, but apparently it was lost. I am sending you another to reassure you. Thank you so much for thinking of me.

I have taken the liberty to remove the hinges from the back of your piece and stuck them to the auction lot card. May you revere this piece always.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK 10583

7/21/79

Dear Eric -

Here's the coin with the
NE counters-tamp, A Burgundian
crown with the inexplicable
centered initials. I really don't
think the NE means New England
-- and I couldn't find any reference
to counters-tamps in my Crosby.
The counters-tamp is not neat
-- and I don't think that the "stamp"
necessarily ^{originally} carried the NE initials.
Were the NE initials built up after the
counters-tamp field was made, i.e.
metal was moved by some instrument
from the field to form the NE?
I'd love to have your opinion.
I don't own the coin. It came
to me on approval -

Thanks -

Joe

Joseph Hassen

8/13/79

file

Dear Joe:

The 1624 Phillip IV Austrian Crown stamp
(NE) is returned herewith.

As I told you there was authentication to stamp pieces approved in 1670 but none have been reported until the year 1951, I think they are fakes but proving a negative is difficult.

Ken Bressett has worked on the matter with care for years. A copy of his letter is enclosed. It speaks for itself.

The 1951 sale of a stamp piece was by Hans Schulman whose reputation for numismatic authenticity integrity has been often challenged. He was (he lives in Spain now) a good friend of mine but I have no contact with him since he left U.S. I would never do business with him and that is why we were always good friends.

He sold the Howard Gibbs material from time to time. Howard Gibbs was a specialist in odd money and it was as odd as one could imagine. He had a great imagination. His creative ability was demonstrated by his remarkable numismatic creative ability. I imagine he made the stamp.

However if you wish to buy the coin as a fake stamp then do it but don't buy it as a real piece as no one will authenticate the stamp. It is at least a genuine fake and not a forged fake or a reproduction of a fake.

I hope I have been helpful. The coin is returned herewith.

Joe

file

8/18/79

Joe Lasser

Dear Joe:

Thanks so much for the
copies of the Colonial notes being
offered for sale by ?.

I need much better photocopies.
Shall I write the owner, shall Richer
or should you. I don't know who has
them.

Is there no way we can purchase
them within range?

Thanks —

Eric

Dear Joe —

Thanks for the French edict.
It is new to me and very interesting.
I'll put it in my French Colonies
file. If anyone I think we are long
winded they can read the edict.

Eric

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK 10583

11/17/77

Dear Eric -

It isn't often that I am at a loss for words to express myself adequately; but this is such an occasion, I fully appreciate the "collector" aspect of your multifaceted personality, and now I am privileged to see that inside even further is a trait of understanding and friendship that you value even more highly, and that I will be a beneficiary of this fundamental aspect of your character.

You have been teacher and friend in the past - and I'm learning another worthwhile lesson again from this gesture -

With appreciation and affection -

Joe

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 28, 1979

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
119 Cushman Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Joe:

As you requested, I am enclosing 40 Shillings Connecticut March 4, 1762, No. 9627, which you requested in exchange for the other one you sent me. It is a pleasure to do you this favor which amounts to nothing at all. I would naturally appreciate your opinion as to whether all of these are counterfeit or otherwise. My feeling is that there should not be so many of this particular denomination, which is a high denomination, unless they were counterfeit. Is there a way of comparing the signatures to genuine original signatures?

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

12/3/79

Dear Eric

Now we can add Thomas Ward and J. Anderson to the counterfeit groups of CC notes. I bought his British counterfeit at the NASCA Brookdale sale two weeks ago and it arrived last Friday.

So, now we have an M. Anderson and a J. Anderson counterfeit -- both signed by the same man -- Take a look at the #60 9/26/78

M. Anderson and J. Smyth counterfeit in the Smithsonian Collection - (I've sent you a Xerox). It seems probable, to me, that the #60 9/26/78 and the Th Hart signatures were both written by ^{Someone else but they appear to have been signed by} the same man. It is logical that the British used more than one signer on the boat in New York harbor. I wonder who made the assignments to put the different counterfeiters to work "signing" Continental Currency --

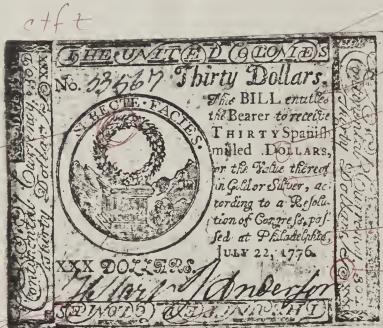
All the Best --

Joe

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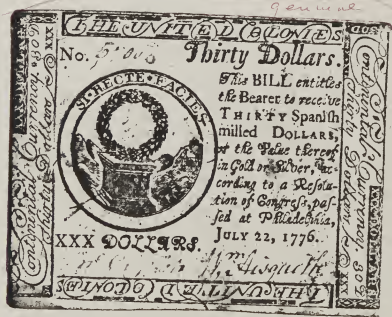
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Thomas "Hart" and J. Anderson not authorized signatures

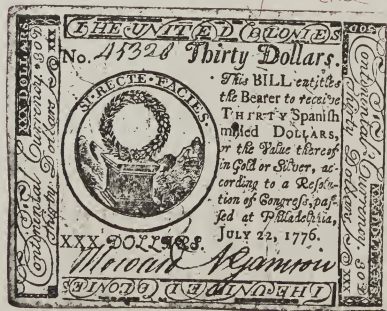


not heavy enough incomplete too high too high too light too closed

Neither signature appears in a Journal of the Continental Congress Resolution



general



1/12/80

Dear Eric,

I received a new typewriter as one of my holiday gifts, but I still don't win any typing prizes, however, if I don't discipline myself, I won't even be able to wrestle with this new machine. So here goes.

I owe you a comment on one Continental item. I bought a \$30 CC 7/22/76 at the NASCA Brookdale Sale 11/12/79. The bill was ostensibly signed by "Thomas Hart" and "J. Anderson". The fact is that the bill is counterfeit and so we still don't have a genuine Anderson signature although there are counterfeit M. Anderson and J. Anderson bills. The Thomas Hart signature also hasn't been listed before, either counterfeit or genuine. Harley Freeman had this bill listed in the original signers xeroxes you sent me some years ago; so I cannot conclude other than that there are only counterfeits of these signers -- there are no Congressional authorizations for these men in the CC Journals.

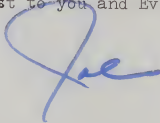
I am enclosing a list of people whose signatures I would like to verify for my Quaker prisoners article. I think you will find the subheadings adequately descriptive, but I will have to verify each individual named by going back to original documents at Philadelphia Historical or Swarthmore for confirmation that I haven't made mistakes between fathers and sons or Uncles and nephews; so if you have any of the signatures on bills in your collection that are not marked with a check or an "H" on the accompanying lists, I'd appreciate xeroxes so that I could make the appropriate comparisons when I go To Pennsylvania this spring.

A few weeks ago you indicated that you had found your New Jersey colonial paper material which previously had been missing. As you may recall, I've indicated to you that I don't have any Jersey Franklin bills. If you now find that you have some duplicates, possibly we could arrange some type of exchange.

Our stock market is wending its merry way along the energy road again. I'm becoming more optimistic concerning the future of the oils following this recent resting spell. Let's talk soon about Materials Research. Despite its very strong outlook it deserves a comment because of its really extraordinary performance.

My mother never told me that I would never qualify as a typist, but she always wanted to be kind to her children.

All the Best to you and Evelyn,



Quaker Prisoner Story Pennsylvania Currency Signs

Need
Signature

Imprisoned Quakers & Anglicans

Phineas Bond

d

CC 11/25/75

Thomas Coombe

d

Same notes as Pleasant

CC 5/10/75, 11/25/75, 2/1/76
5/9/76

Henry Drinker

X

Pa 6/18/64

✓ Joshua Fisher

Samuel Fisher

d

Pa 10/1/73

Thomas Fisher

d

Pa 4/3/72

Abel James

d

Pa 5/1/60, 6/18/64, 3/10/69

✓ Charles Jarvis

Pa 3/10/73, 10/25/75

✓ Owen Jones, Jr

Pa 10/1/73

Samuel Murdock

d

Pa 3/16/85

✓ Israel Pemberton

Pa 6/15/67, 3/1/69

✓ James Pemberton

Pa 5/1/60

✓ John Pemberton

Pa 4/3/72, 10/1/73 ?

✓ Edward Pennington

Pa 5/1/60

Samuel Pleasants

d same notes as Pleasant

Pa 4/3/72

George Roberts

d but has 1000 signs also

Pa 6/18/64

✓ Hugh Roberts

Pa 5/1/60

✓ William Smith

Pa 12/6/75, 4/25/76
3/16/85

✓ ~~Charles~~ Stephen Spalden

Pa 5/1/60

Jeremiah Warder

d

Pa 4/3/72

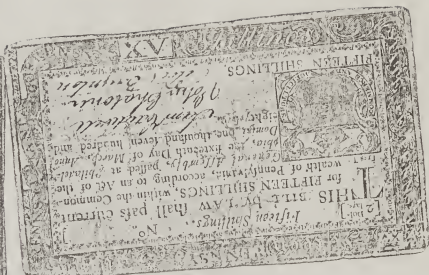


Quaker Prisoner Story Participating Figures

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1	<u>Quakers who Aided the Prisoners</u>					
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3		Samuel Cones	d		Pa 4/3/72, 3/25/75	
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5		Owen Jones	d		Pa 5/1/60, 10/1/93	
6						
7		Reynold Keen	d		Pa 10/1/73	
8						
9	H	Samuel Morris			cc 5/10/75, 11/24/75, 2/17/76 5/9/76, 7/22/76	
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11		John Reynell	x		Pa 5/1/60, 6/15/67, 3/1/69	
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13	H	Samuel Rhoads	d		Pa 5/1/60, 6/15/64, 6/15/67 3/10/69	
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Quaker Prisoners Story Participating Figures

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3		John Bayard			cc 5/10/75, 11/29/75	
4		George Bryan			Pa 5/1/60	
5		James Budden	from collection		Pa 4/20/81	
6		Somuel Caldwell	d		cc 11/29/75, Pa 4/20/81, 3/14/85	
7		John Evans			Pa 5/1/60, 4/16/64	
8	H	Daniel Levan			cc 5/20/77	
9		Alexander Nesbitt	x		cc auth 8/8/78	
10		John Smith	x		Pa 5/1/60	
11		Teuch Tilghman	d		cc 2/17/76	
12		Committee Named by Pa Council to Carry out Quakers Arrest (Council Members?)				
13		James Cannon	from collection		Pa 4/10/77	
14		James Claypool	d		cc 5/20/77	
15	H	Sharpe Delaney			Pa 7/20/75	
16	H	Nathanial Donnell			cc 4/4/78, 5/24/78, 1/14/75	
17		James Longhead	x		Pa 3/16/85	
18	H	John Purviance	d		Pa 7/20/75, 4/20/81	
19		John Sharpe				
20	H	Robert Smith	d		cc 2/26/77, Pa 3/16/85	



PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 4725

According to an Act of GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Pennsylvania, passed in the 12th Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the Third. Dated the Third Day of April, Anno Domini 1772.

Loombe
Land Pleasant
Sho Clifford

FORTY SHILLINGS

The United States

THREE DOLLARS. No. 56339

THIS Bill entitles the BEARER to receive THREE SPANISH milled DOLLARS, or the Value hereof in Gold or Silver, according to a Resolution of CONGRESS, passed at Philadelphia November 29, 1775.

in three
Paid

THREE DOLLARS.

PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

Four-pence. 211

According to an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed in the 12th Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the 3d. Dated the Third Day of April, Anno Domini 1772.

A Goat.

Sho. Clon

PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

FIFTY SHILLINGS. No. 21939

According to an Act of GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Pennsylvania, passed in the 35th Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the 3d. Dated the 1st of June, 1773.

in three
Paid

Fifty Shill.

Sam. Adshes
Sho. Clon
Joseph Allen

CURRENCY

PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

TWENTY SHILLINGS. No. 63621

THIS BILL by Law shall pass current for TWENTY SHILLINGS, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, according to an Act of the General Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the sixteenth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Sho. Clon

One Pound.

PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 10650 ONE SHILLING.

THIS indented BILL of ONE SHILLING, shall entitle the Bearer to receive of the Treasurer of the Contributor, to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, the like Sum of One Shilling, of equal Value with the same Sum, of the Bills of Credit of this Province now by Law current, according to the Direction of an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the Third, Dated the Twentieth day of March, 1769.

Sho. Clon
Sho. Clon

ONE SHILLING.

PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 318

According to an Act of GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Pennsylvania, passed in the 12th Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the Third. Dated the Third Day of April, Anno Domini 1772.

Sho. Clon
Sho. Clon

FORTY SHILLINGS

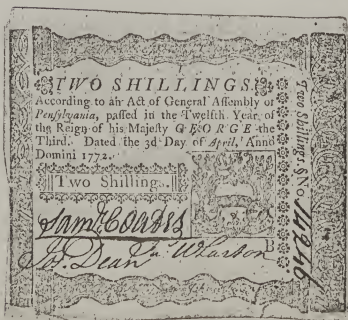
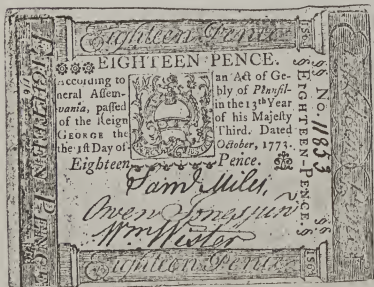
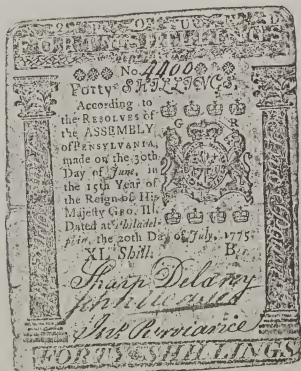
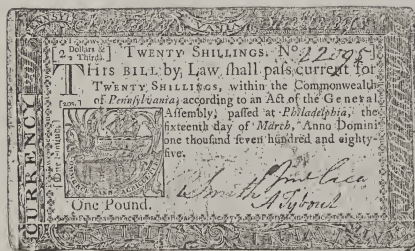
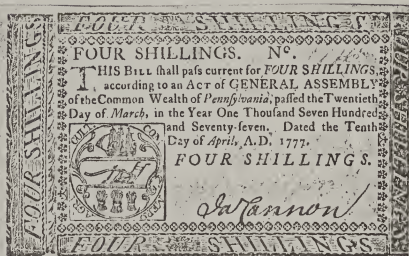
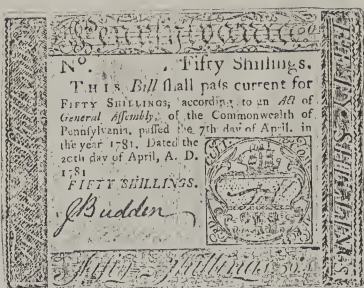
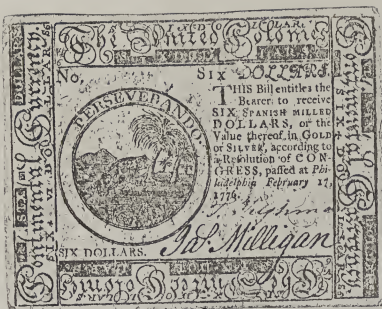
PAID BY THE BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

TWENTY SHILLINGS. No. 2330

THIS BILL shall pass current for TWENTY SHILLINGS, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, according to a Resolution of CONGRESS, passed at Philadelphia, the 29th of November, 1775.

Sho. Clon
Sho. Clon

GEORGE III.
Dated the 18th Day of June, 1784.



9/17/80

Dear Eric

The NASCA sale was as ebullient as the stock market. Prices for Colonial paper and broken bank notes were surprisingly strong at the NASCA sale -- so we had only very modest success.

I bought lots #18^{#24} and #85 for my self and ~~#400~~^{#200} @ \$200, #402-375 and #403^{@ \$39} for you. The other prices were well in excess of our bids. My green pencilled data will give you a picture of what happened on the other notes.

I hope that China gave you an immense intellectual experience. Jan and Evelyn must have had a superb trip. Let's hear about it.

With the Best

Joe

P.S. I've sent the whole shipment to you to save tax.

1/26/81

Dear Eric -

Here's the table
that I came across
about two months
ago. As I've told you,
it duplicates the lower
right hand corner of the
Mass 1750 broadside
Joe

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JOSEPH R. LASSER

119 CUSHMAN ROAD

SCARSDALE, N.Y. 10583

3/8/81

Dear Eric -

Yesterday, when I
chatted with you, I
again forgot to thank
you for the Justice with
the Bank of New York article.
Clearly, for me as for you,
coins without scholarship
and scholarship without coins,
just doesn't work. The
books, the articles, the research
are an indivisible part
of numismatics, they can't
be separated from the coins.

As far as the Justice

Sketch. It was quite
good - - and again I'm
in your debt for your
attentiveness and sensitivity
that you remembered
it would be valued and
of assistance -

I thank so much

You remain most a
unusual person -

All the Best

Jul

P.S. Have I sent you a McCusker -
Money and Exchange in Europe & America?

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 19, 1981

*Mailed*REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT

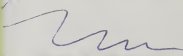
Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 123
Albertson, NY 11507

234659 - \$14.50
Postage *Ret Rec* - .45
- .28
\$15.23

Dear Dick:




Joe asked me to forward the Willow Tree Shilling he bought to you for your opinion. I see nothing wrong with it.

Kindest regards,


Eric P. Newman

PS Form 3811, Aug. 1978

RETURN RECEIPT, REGISTERED, INSURED AND CERTIFIED MAIL

● SENDER: Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Add your address in the "RETURN TO" space on reverse.					
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PICKER, DICK

Kraus coin

*Letter not rec'd.
3-30-81 - Post Office
tracked down letter w/ form
+ it was sitting in
Kennedy Airport for
a week or so because
of mail pile up - then
into Hicksville Post Office
several days later it
finally arrived at
Picker's office.*

JOE LASSER

4/2/81

Dear Eric -

Ruth and Mary Quant decided my stationery needed a face lift - enough said!

You've, no doubt, seen the enclosed check for the jewelry items. I checked with Dick Pickes to determine the proper prices and his opinion was \$60 for each of the superior uncirculated '76s; \$40 for the stained 1854 unc. and \$125 for the 1756; so a check for \$525 is enclosed.

I hope Jamaica was fun.

We've been quite busy at the office. Walt and I managed to sell Bankers National Life to Ahmanson from Orion Capital, giving us a \$134 mm deal last week with another smaller situation in the offing. Therefore, I haven't had much time for personal interests - so this letter is tardy -

Recently, I came across a 9/26/78 Continental which had a (over)



brand new signature for me --
or so I thought. I enclose a photo
of Wm Stretch's signature -- after he
simply failed to cross his "Ts". Very
frustrating. Also, upon carefully
inspecting the 9/26/78 \$60 bills, I
find that a piece of type failed in
the high serial numbered notes and that
the genuine bills read "according
to a Resolution hassed" not "passed"
etc. (on bills numbered 210462 to 259555).
By contrast two bills #ed 58556 and
11843 read "passed".

Sorry that I missed the
opening of your money museum.
It should have been a really fun
event. Dick P. sent me the clippings
from Coin World covering the opening
and made me aware of it, to my
regret for not coming down and cele-
-brating with you. You continue to be
the true scholar and teacher which
is wonderful. I feel a little foolish in
not commenting on it at an earlier date,
but I don't subscribe to Coin World; undoubtedly
I should.

Thanks for confirming my Willow Tree
shilling. Dick got it March 30th only after
pushing the Post Office for its delivery. They
must really be bad.

I'll close now, Running out of space. Best
to Ed & you too. Will call 4/3 All the Best, Joe

MEMO FROM
JOSEPH R. LASSER

7/9/81

Dear Louie -

Here's the Penna
currency signers
list of signatures
that I'm looking for.
I've been so busy that
I haven't had a chance
to mail it until now.

Thanks - Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Quakes ?
Signers of Pennsy/Va. CURRENCY

4/2/23	Anthony Morris	
1/17/23-4	Auth. Morris	
	Francis Rawle	
9/15/29	A. Chapman	
	E. Horne	
8/10/39	Sam'l Smith	
	Wm Monington	
	- Chapman	
8/1/44	Jas Morris	
8/1/46	Jos & Harvey	
10/1/55	Luc Reyneil	check EPN
1/1/56	Jonathan Evans	revok
	Sam'l Neave	revok
6/2/59	Chas Jones	darken revok

Need signatures on currency

JOE LASSER

7/31/81

Dear Eric —

We golfers always must shock the normal world, either with our loud clothes or stationery. The xeroxes of the 3 N.C. notes have one purpose. I believe the top 2 notes carry the signature of "J. Burke" who is not recorded as a signer of the issue. Therefore, I'd add it to your list unless you have the enabling acts and appointment of signers that show no one of that name as a signer.

In the same batch of material that was sent to me, was a Penna (over)



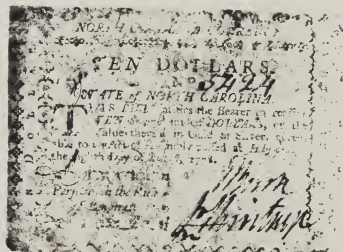
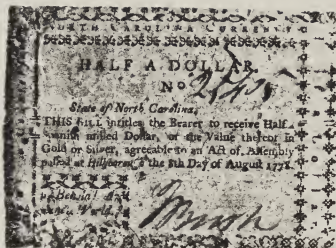
4/10/77 note carrying the signature
"John^(ohn) ~~Young~~ Young, Jr. I. Young, Jr., not
I. Young, Jr as you have it in
EPMA II. It is the same John
Young ~~that~~ who signed Continental
Currency -- and Phillips
"Paper Money of Pennsylvania" also
lists the signer as John Young, Jr.
~~not~~ not I. Young.

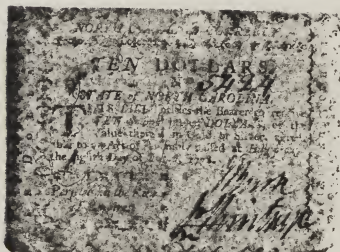
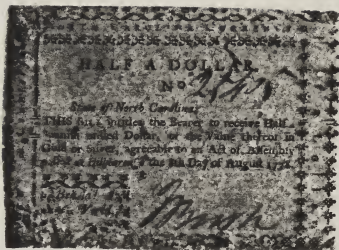
I'm interested on your
reaction to "Burk"

Hope the trip was ~~MARRVAGEOUS~~ MARVELOUS

All the Best

Joe





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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September 1, 1981

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Lasser:

We wish to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of the Dictionary of Spanish American Money by Burzio. This three volume set will make a find addition to our library.

We thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours,



Eric P. Newman

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September 2, 1981

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

Thank you for the photocopy of the July 22, 1724 New York One Shilling.

I want to congratulate you on acquiring this item. It is the only example of this issue which I know of.

I would like to have several photocopies sent to me unfolded because I will use this in a supplement in due course.

The two different numbers on the bill can be explained because this is a replacement issue. The top number could be the ^{date} ~~number~~ of the bill which was replaced. The bottom number is the number of the bill issued. The hemispherical cutout in the block is probably for the express purpose of putting in the ^{date} ~~number~~ of the replacement bill. * Do you agree? !

The misspelling of the word Colony does not bother me. The fact that the paper is not the same as the earlier laid papers is also reasonable as long as it relates to subsequent papers. The fact that the indenture has been recut is part of the game.

May you always make such nice acquisitions.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

*
*This is true because both the
1724 & 1726 replacement
issues carry 1717.*

MEMO FROM
JOSEPH R. LASSER

9/11/81

Dear Eric -

Here are
varied X-rays for
the 7/22/24 New York
Note. In my absentmindedness,
I forgot to bring in the
new signature "Samuel C. Adams"
on my Massachusetts 9/9/40^{6d} Manufacturing
York.

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All the Best -

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

Joe

MEMO FROM
JOSEPH R. LASSER

8/28/81

Dear Eric -

Here's the 7/22/24
New York note I purchased.
Please note one additional
curious fact. It has
the number 1717 at the
top in the indent - -
as does the 11/16/26 N.Y. note
in EPMA. Why?

Also enclosed is the
Permian item. I'll xerox
the Mass 9/9/40 bill and send

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

You a copy shortly.
All the Best, Joe

MEMO FROM
JOSEPH R. LASSER

9/14/81

Dear Eric -

Here are some
more Xeroxes.

The Manufactory Bill
has a "new" signature.

Samuel C. Adams,
the father of the famed
Sam Adams -

All the Best, Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

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Indent
100/100
it has
been trimmed
to backing

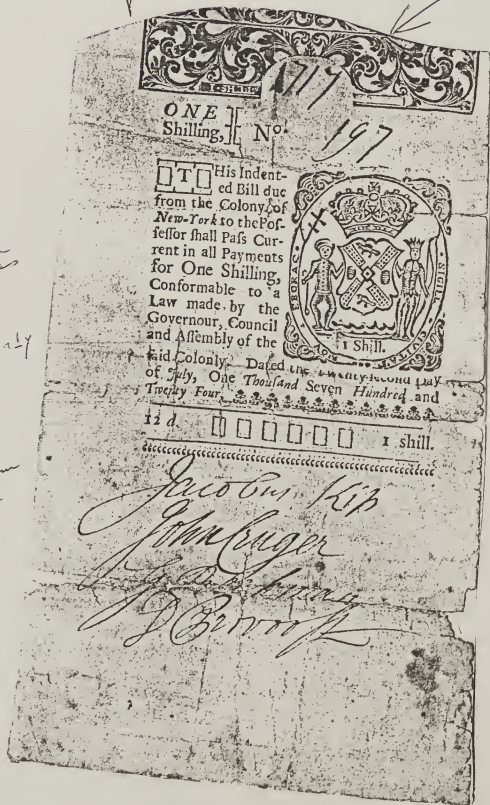
All incident files
referred to sample
date are sample

Why 2
members?

quality is
different from
earlier issues

error in spelling Colony

Pharmacology
of text is
different from
other no. 1
of N.Y.



12/20/81

Dear Eric -

The enclosed Carpenters Rule Book, itself, is an intriguing item -- but the introduction and the membership list sets forth the names of a number of Continental and Pennsylvania currency signers; so I thought you might like to add it to your library.

Also enclosed is a xerox of the only Frederick Phile Continental that I've seen, and a 9/26/78 Counterfeit signed by a fictitious B. Bolliard (should be Baird -- Hillegas 5/20/77-4/11/78).

Enjoy the Holidays -- Joe

N&B

NEUBERGER AND BERMAN

Lasser

MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
522 FIFTH AVENUE/NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036
212 730 7370 CABLE: ENANDBEE, N.Y.

3/26/82



Dear Eric -

Enclosed find two xeroxes of notes that have come to my attention recently. (1) The Massachusetts 42/44 Note has the signature of Andrew Oliver. EPMA does not record Andrew Oliver as a signer of the issue. Is it possible that he was? The reverse is equally interesting. At the base of the border, marked by the red arrows are a "K" and a "G" - for Kneeland and Green, the printers of the bill. If you look at the Mass 12sh 174 1/2 ~~note~~ (p. 160 ^{EPMA}), you will see "K" and "G" in the vertical borders of the upper rectangle on the reverse of that note - the same applies to the 20sh note on p. 159 ^{EPMA}. So Kneeland and Green did print these issues - and I failed to observe these identifying

marks in the past. We continue
to learn - - my article about the
Green family can be revised.

The \$1 New York Guaranteed
note is not great but turns up
so rarely and has really strong
signatures that I've accepted
it. All the Best

Joe

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

11/3/82

Dear Eric -

I'm back from
vacation. The reading,
scuba diving, sun and
relaxation were excellent.

Your xeroxes are fine. I'd
like the four items marked
with "X"s and, if you don't
mind, could I have "Due Bills"
or some "Guaranteed Bills" vs.
the remaining N.C. Bills - The
enclosed "Sword in Hand" is being offered

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to me. Is it genuine? What should I pay for it?

522 FIFTH AVENUE
All the Best - Joe

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

10/21/82

Dear Eric - Here are
my remaining N.C. 1771
duplicates. The 236 d and
10 sh are especially nice for
the issue. Enclosed is my
want list for CC signatures.
Try as I may, I can't make
rapid progress. I also need a "slew"
of the guaranteed issues Maryland 2, 3, 4, 7
New Hampshire ³ uncanceled New Jersey 1, 2, 3, 5, 7
N.Y. 2, 5, 7, 8, 20 Penna 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8
Va 7, 20. I would prefer the CC signatures
but, of course, would take the other
NEUBERGER & BERMAN
is trades. Hope this will help you
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All the Best, Joe

PLEASE NOTE: ANY "HILLEGAS"
SIGNERS OF 5/10/77 & 4/11/78
ALSO MAY HAVE SIGNED 2/17/76

Joe Lasser
Continental Currency Signers
Missing Signers or Better Signatures Wanted
8/25/81

	Better Signature = B	FRACTIONALS	Issues Signed - If Known				
			11/29/75 & 7/22/76	2/17/76	11/2/76 & 2/26/77	5/20/77 4/11/78	9/26/78 1/14/79
1	B	Adcock, Wm.				4/11/78	9/26/78
2		Alexander, Chas					9/26/78
3	B	Barrell, Theo		2/17/76	11/2/76		
4		Bass, Robt					
5		Brown, Gt				4/11/78	
6							
7		Buchanan, R.			2/26/77		
8	B	Caldwell, Sam'l	11/29/75				
9	B	Calhoun, Jas		2/17/76	11/2/76	5/20/77	
10		Clarkson, John					
11	-B	Claypeole, J.				5/20/77	
12							
13	B	Coale, W		2/17/76	2/26/77	5/20/77	
14		Copperthwait, Geo					
15		Copperthwait, Jos					
16	B	Crouch, N.				4/11/78	9/26/78
17		Christ, H.				5/20/77	
18							
19		Creery, Dennis					
20	B	Creery, Hans			11/2/76 2/26/77	5/20/77	
21		Dorsey, Caleb			11/2/76		
22	B	Dorsey, John			11/2/76		
23		Douglass, Wm.					
24							
25		Erchelberger, Geo				5/20/77	
26		Ellis, Jos					
27		Eyres, Henry				4/11/78	
28		Grainger, Edw.					
29		Grier, Gt.		2/17/76		4/11/78	
30		Hazlewood, John					
31							
32		Hitt, Dan					
33		Humphreys, Richd					
34		Irwin, Robt				5/20/77	
35		Keppele, John					
36	B	Kimmell, Michael					1/14/79
37	B	Lewis, C.		2/27/76	2/26/77	5/20/77	
38		Lardner, Jno.					
39		Leiper, Thos					
40		Lewis, F. Jr.					
		Lester, G. L.				5/20/77	

Joe Lesser

Continental Currency Signers

Missing Signers or Better Signatures Wanted

		1	2	3	4	5	6
		11/29/75 & 7/22/76	2/17/76	11/2/76 2/26/77	5/20/77 4/11/78	1/14/79	
1		Limeau, W			4/11/78		
2		Lingerington, Jno					
3		Loughhead, Jas					
4		Mitchel, C.			4/11/78		
5		Monegan, W.			4/11/78		
6							
7		Nesbit, Alex					
8		Paisley, I.			4/11/78		
9		Patton, Robt					
10	B	Peunell, Jos.			5/20/77		
11	B	Peters, T			5/20/77		
12							
13		Philo, Fred					
14		Royson, Jas					
15		Schaffer, D. Jr					
16		Scott, Wm.			5/20/77		
17		Sheemaker, Chas			5/20/77		
18		Short, J.			5/20/77		
19							
20		Smith, B.P.			5/20/77		
21		Stewart, D.	7/22/76				
22		Stringer, R.		11/2/76			
23		Strong, Matthew					
24		Summers, D.			4/11/78		
25							
26		Wade, F.			5/20/77		
27		Watson, J.			5/20/77		
28		Walter, Jos.					
29	B	Welch, Geo	2/17/76	11/2/76 2/26/77	5/20/77		
30		Wharton, Jos.	11/29/75				
31							
32		Wharton, Jos					
33		Wilson, James			4/11/78	1/14/79	
34		Wister, Jos.			5/20/77		
35							
36							
37							
38							
39							
40							

MEMO FROM
MARY ANN C. TRILLI

Lasser file

August 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Newman,

Enclosed is a copy of the notes held by
the University of South Caroliniana Library
University of S.C. 29208.

Joe Lasser has not seen the notes.

Regards,


Mary Ann

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South Carolina, State and Provincial
Currency and Scrip, 1723-1876

543 169 MPs (issued by: Bank of Chester; Bank of George-
821 town; Bank of Hamburg; Bank of South Carolina; Bank
930 of the State of South Carolina, Charleston; Char-
931 lette, Columbia and Augusta Rail Road; City of Char-
1094 leston; City of Columbia; Commercial Bank of Colum-
1278 bia; Corporation of Branchville; Corporation of
1411 Charleston; Corporation of Cheraw; Corporation of
1521 Columbia; Cotton Planters Loan Association, Union-
1522 ville; B. Douglas's Sword Factory; Farmers and Ex-
1523
1526 Cont.
1529 1530, 1531, 1630, 2431, ~ 2582, 2583, 2585, 4383,

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South Carolina, State and Provincial
Currency and Scrip, 1723-1876

1534 change Bank, Charleston; Keatinge & Ball, Columbia;
1536 Lang's Mill; Mechanics & Farmers Building & Loan
1537 Association, Columbia; Pendleton Manufacturing Com-
1538 pany; Peoples Bank of South Carolina; Peronneau &
1539 Lowndes, Walhalla; Planters Bank of Fairfield, Winns-
1540 bore; Rowland & Knauf, Pendleton; Provincial Congress
1543 of South Carolina; South Carolina Rail Road Company;
1633 State Bank of South Carolina; State of South Caroli-
1634 na; Timmons ville; Merchants' Bank of South Carolina,
1656 Cheraw, Exchange Bank of Columbia).
1666
1706 1712, 2162, 2163, 2164 1849, 2252, 759, 1562, 1217 2679

B
South Carolina, State and Provincial
Currency and Scrip

E

5065 5 MPs, 5 Sept. 1768, and 1850-1857 (consisting of
5103 photograph of a twenty-pound note signed by
Ch[arles] Pinckney, Benjamin Dart, Tho[mas] Lynch
and others; notes - \$10 denomination of The Com-
mercial Bank of Columbia, and \$5 denomination of
The Bank of Camden).

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

1771 N.E.
1st

9/16/82

Dear Eric -

Rarely have I
been more pleased. Here's
a note that may be
the "best of breed". I've
kept the other one I
received, but while mine's
uncirculated, I don't
think it matches this one.

With Affection & Respect
-- and all other good things
Joe

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

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522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

11/1/83

Dear Eric -

Hope this is
of interest. When
you come across
another Continental/
signature that I
need, or equally,
a Guaranteed note that
I don't have, send
it on as an exchange.
Thanks, Joe

counterfeit



Straight
line

Genuine



Genuine

stepped down



To De hassen

Copy



Tell me what you need
Sony, I don't have more

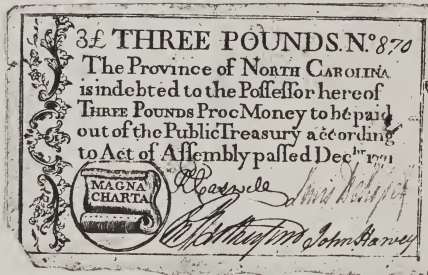
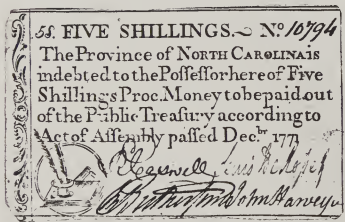
11/15/82



Joe hasser file

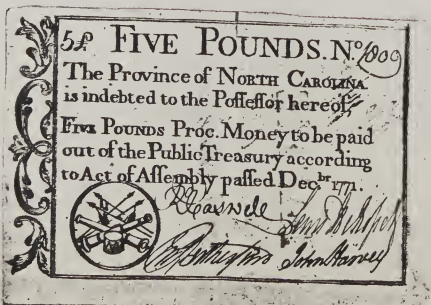


→ sent to Joe ↑ new sigs for Joe



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sent by Joe hasser to me + returned

12/28/82

Joe Kasser Inc



Joe - Are these what you want? Indicate which one is helpful to you. Sorry I don't have more on this list



MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

5/27/83

Dear Eric

Here's my article
for the ANS. Please
criticize. After you've
read it, you'll probably
tentatively conclude, as
I have, that Evans, Hubley
and Redman plus the three
unrecorded fractional signers
easily might have been the
six men referred to in the SEC 6/28/76

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

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522 FIFTH AVENUE

All the Best, Joe

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

From the desk of JOSEPH R. LASSER

June 6, 1983

Dear Eric,

Once again, thanks for your
invaluable help. My articles are always
improved by both your numismatic
scholarship and facile handling of the
English language.

Appreciatively,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'J' followed by a cursive 'R' and a small 'L'.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 13, 1983

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser ✓
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

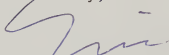
Dear Joe:

You were very kind to give to us 66 items of numismatic literature consisting of The Numismatist for the period between 1937 and 1942, and certain catalogues, proceedings and programs from the same period.

The condition of The Numismatist was rather excellent and we were able to use a number of them to substitute for much poorer copies which we already had. The reasonable value of these items would appear to be \$3.00 to \$4.00 each on the average.

Please feel free to make use of our library whenever you need something and thank you again for improving it.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

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September 14, 1983

Dear Joe,

The delightful evening with you and Ruth further brightened our New York visit. The sword fish was the finest we have ever eaten. We thank you very much for your gracious hospitality.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

MEMO FROM

JOSEPH R. LASSER

5/2/84

Dear Eric —

Here's the Conn 1709-13
piece with my
historical notes.

— should you want
the data on pp. 474-5
of Trumbull, just let
me know.

As you see, the note
is extensively backed — and,
of course, horizontally split.

NEUBERGER & BERMAN

MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

All the Best,

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

From the desk of JOSEPH R. LASSER

A Complete History of
Connecticut - Benjamin
Trumbull, D.D. - published

→ by
Hudson
Goodwin
Hartford
1797

May 12th 1709

p. 457

Nathaniel Stanley
was made one of

the magistrates of Connecticut
at the Court of Election
5/12/09

Matthew Allen

p. 460

was made a magistrate of
Connecticut 5/11/10
replacing Daniel
Withers

p. 474⁵ covers the bills
of cred. + June 1709 to
Oct 1713

5/8/84

Dear Eric -

I looked at the
xerox reverse of the Connecticut
note. Of course, you
are absolutely correct
May 24, 1729 - It
could not be otherwise.

All the Best,

Joe

October 30, 1984

Joe Lasser

This just came to me and I hope it
finds a place in your collection.
It has a typographical error with an
extra comma in the date.

Eric P. Newman

jah
Encl.

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN



NEUBERGER AND BERMAN

MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
522 FIFTH AVENUE/NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036
212 730 7370 CABLE ENANDBEE, N.Y.

November 21, 1984

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Here is the South Carolina written date bill I acquired at the NASCA/Karp auction. It is in terrible shape but I didn't know when I would see one again. The Early Paper Money of America, page 362 has your bill in it but I think that the text should be revised. You state, "A handwritten 'a' is in each quadrant of all specimens examined." Clearly, my piece does not have an "a" in any quadrant. My guess is that the few bills that exist largely have come from a single horde -- with all the bills in the horde having been marked with an "a" in each quadrant.

Cordially,


Joseph R. Lasser

/fs
Enc.

[illegible]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 7, 1985 (mailed 10-8-85)

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

For an exhibit in connection with the talk you are nice enough to give for me at ANS, I am enclosing the four New York City pieces you sent to me, three of my loose pieces, one of which is a duplicate of yours, and my error sheet. There is also a photocopy of the sheet of copies which you may use if you care to. Fix the display any way you like. I enclose for your convenience a typewritten description of the error sheet. You may return my pieces at your convenience, but not during the Christmas holidays and not until I return after the 10th of November.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encls.

REGISTERED MAIL \$5.00 - 3.90
(#031631625) / int. 2.50
\$6.40

3/18/86

Dear Eric -

Here's the piece that has me puzzled. The upper signature is impossible; the lower signature is a take off of James Ross who signed both 5/20/77 and 4/11/78 pieces. But I can't really state that the bill itself is counterfeit. Is it genuine? I don't see how it could be.

Even though I've found the mystery bill, I still can't find the N.Y. City reprint sheet. It seems to have disappeared from the earth.

After you've checked the note, kindly ship it back,

- 2 -

hopefully with a solution.

I acquired a terrific
small planchet of #15
shilling. Would you
like to have a photo?

All the Best

Jae

4/3/86

Joseph Hassler.

Dear Joe:

Continental Currency #7 May 20, 1777
#161051 in my opinion is absolutely genuine.
The signatures appear quite normal. The
top signature may be a new signer and I
read his name as J or I Chryssler
(Chrysler). Jas Ross is below. Whether
these signatures were written by others
for these men I do not try to guess but
that is always possible.

The piece is returned herewith. The
help I have given is not worth a
Continental.

Thanks for the stimulating
puzzle.

Gris

6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis Mo 63105



JOSEPH R. LASSER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

3/20/86

Dear Eric -

I wanted for the
call last night.

You're super!!

The Doty news was
good for Dick &
the Smithsonian --
and A.N.S.'s love.

I hope it goes
well for Dick.

All the Best
Joe

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK 10583

4/18/86

Dear Eric -

Thanks so much for
the phone calls and the
very pleasurable announcement
that I'd become an ANS
Fellow. Hearing of the election
from you was most
appropriate. You've been
friend, mentor and guide
to me for more than
ten years as of this date.
Little did I know how
much of a beneficial
influence that you would

have on me when we
first began to contact
each other in 1974. You've
led me a long way and
I look forward to another
two decades of intellectual
stimulation, creativity and
maintenance of high standards
under the watchful and
warm eye of Eric Newman.

Intestinal resections and
pancreatitis are the pits.
It was no sleep again
last night.

Affectionately -
Joe

JOSEPH R. LASSER

119 CUSHMAN ROAD

SCARSDALE, NEW YORK 10583

5/15/86

Dear Eric -

Here are the items that I thought might be of interest in the Western Reserve's collection.

The photos of individual pieces are self explanatory. The reprints ~~from~~ the Reverse "Long" notes of Mass and N.H. from the original plates are items that I had not seen before. Ditto for the partial reprint sheet of Crown Point notes.

In addition, Western Reserve has the Connecticut notes you've used for illustration at the bottom of p. 66 (20sh 5/8/40) and p. 71 (\$3 5/8/40 redated 5/8/46)

Mr. Pike was most cordial and helpful. It was an enjoyable morning. The collection is an old one aggregating about 800-900 pieces but it is not properly preserved by today's standards. The pieces are hinged or pasted to
(over)

manila cardboard sheets and
then tied into a one inch deep
folio.

Pike told me that I was
the first person to look at the
material in the past twenty
years. Clearly, no one views
it as a resource.

All the Best

Doc

From the desk of JOSEPH R. LASSER

7/15/86

Dear Eric -

Here's my reply

To Leonard Finn -

All the Best -

Joe

7/13/86

Dear Mr. Finn —

Our mutual friend, Eric Yerman sent me your June inquiry to him concerning Samuel Lyon. Because I've done research on Continental Currency signers, Eric thought I might be able to contribute some additional information.

I've researched Samuel Lyon (C.C. 1/14/79) in the Jewish section of the New York Public Library. Although a Lyon family appears as members of the congregation, Mikveh Israel, of Philadelphia, no Samuel Lyon is indicated to be a member during the late 1770's and early 1780's.

(a) Since virtually all CC signers were Philadelphia residents, it would appear logical to believe Samuel Lyon lived in Philadelphia.

(b) Since the Jewish communities

of the era were small
and close'y knit, it also
is highly probable that
any Jew would be a member
of a Temple congregation
(c) Therefore, in the absence
of Samuel Lyon's name
appearing in the Mikveh
Israel records, I can't
assure you that he was
Jewish -- Remember, the
name "Lyon" can be
"Lion" - "Leon" - "Leone"
and of Dutch, English,
Spanish or Italian etc
genesis. (Of course, French etc, etc.)

Equally important, Mr. Schuman
cites Ben Jacobs as being Jewish.
I'd also like his statement to
be ~~that~~ accurate, but in
researching Quaker families, I've
found a Jacobs family in
and around Philadelphia --
and the Patriarch was Israel
Jacobs. Is it possible that
Ben Jacobs (C.C.) and Joseph
Jacobs (Pa' 18/64) were Quaker
descendants of Israel and not

Jewish 3

(2)

I've found Mrs. Schuman's articles interesting reading, but thinly researched; so don't completely rely on his assertions.

There is another Jewish signer of Colonial currency who had an interesting personal history Francis Salvador (S.C. 11/15/75) son of Jacob Salvador, a London merchant and nephew of Joseph Salvador, a large landowner in Western South Carolina, Francis came to America in 1773 to manage the 100,000 Acres Joseph held in the Ninety Six District. He rapidly rose to some prominence and was elected a member of the First ¹⁷⁷⁵ and Second ¹⁷⁷⁵⁻⁶ Provincial Congresses and a member of the First ¹⁷⁷⁶ General Assembly. On ~~the~~ August 1, 1776, while serving under Andrew Williamson in the Ninety Six militia, he was shot and scalped, becoming the first Jew to die in the

American Revolution.

Hopefully, I've clarified some of the Jacobs & Lyons stories for you - - but you've really given me a very specific project.

I must definitively determine whether or not Ben Jacobs and Joseph Jacobs were Jewish.

Cordially -
Lae Junes

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, N.Y. 10583

8/24/86

Dear Eric —

I saw the news first in Coin World 8/27/86. Yo
one had reported to me that
you'd been inducted into
the Hall of Fame prior to
the publication.

The picture is fuzzy
and I hope that the plaque
does you justice in giving
you a better shot.

You were in my Hall
of Fame long ago. It's
good to see the ANA catching
up.

Seriously though, your
contributions to numismatics

have made you clearly
the number #1 American
numismatist of this era
as I see it -- and I
hope that you'll continue
to be as fertile and creative
in the years ahead. I know
that I'll gain new knowledge
and pleasure with each
new publication authored
by you -

All the Best

Jae

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 28, 1986

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

How thoughtful of you to write me with respect to the Hall of Fame. Your appreciation of the joy I get from writing is only because you like to see scholarship in our mutual area. To try to keep mentally stimulated with numismatic puzzle solving and to help others doing the same is my enjoyment, and that brings satisfaction to both of us. I, like you, try to be a perfectionist.

I am sorry my picture with my mouth open does not appeal to you, but it does appeal to the bees who fly in.

Again, my thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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JOSEPH R. LASSER

119 CUSHMAN ROAD

SCARSDALE, N. Y. 10583

9/14/86

Dear Eric —

Enclosed find the
epilogue of Leonard
Finn's inquiry to you.

Salvador will be
hard to find. I wish
him luck —

All the Best —

Joe

MEMO FROM
JOSEPH R. LASSER

9/30/86

Dear Laro -

Since you
asked for Salvador's
first name, I
thought the encased
would be of interest.
All the Best,

Jae

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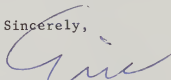
April 9, 1987

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Neuberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

We are pleased to lend you for your exhibit the enclosed New Jersey One Shilling 1786 Note Number 38167, Plate C. We understand it will be on exhibit for approximately one year. We hope this will be helpful.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

Delivered
4/14/87
but he had
one so
I took it
back
SPN

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

38167

THIS BILL, by LAW, shall pass current in New-JERSEY equal to Gold or Silver for ONE SHILLING, pursuant to a LAW of the State for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds, passed in the Year 1786.



Three
Shillings

From the desk of JOSEPH R. LASSER

6/26/87

Dear Eric -

Here are
xeroxes of the
Mass Note. Please
be aware of the reworked
lower left corner.

Do the Best,
Joe

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July 20, 1987

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
Nueberger & Berman
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10036

Dear Joe:

I was just presented with the remarks of James A. Baker III, your Secretary of the Treasury. A copy is enclosed. It states that 200 years ago Franklin put the original seal and motto that remains on our paper money.

Would you be kind enough to inform me what issue of paper money is involved as I feel I must have made a terrible mistake in my book. It isn't possible that the source of this information which Mr. Baker used is covert. I admit a pyramid might be confusing because of Egyptian negotiations.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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Eric

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Remarks by
The Secretary of the Treasury
James A. Baker, III
at the First Strike Ceremony
for the Constitution Coin
The Philadelphia Mint
Wednesday, July 1, 1987

Thank you, and good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

It really is a pleasure to be here today, to kick off our 4th of July celebration -- especially in this city in this bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Philadelphia has always had a special place in our nation's history. The Declaration of Independence was signed here, and of course the Constitution was drafted here -- not too very far from this stage. Philadelphia was also the first capital of our Republic, and therefore it was also the site of the first building constructed by the fledgling American government -- and that building happened to be -- appropriately enough -- the Philadelphia Mint.

You see, even in those early days, our founding fathers knew that to be a genuine nation you had to have a genuine currency -- a coin of the republic, so to speak -- and they first minted that coin here in Philadelphia.

Well, we are here today -- nearly 200 years later -- to mint another set of coins -- the Constitution coins -- fine symbols of that remarkable document produced during a hot summer not unlike this one.

One of Philadelphia's famous sons, Benjamin Franklin, well understood the importance of symbols in building an American heritage. It was Franklin, we are told, who chose the seal and the motto that have remained on our paper currency these 200 years. That motto is "annuit coeptis" -- which means "God favors bold enterprises." And God surely has favored this American enterprise.

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JOSEPH R. LASSEY
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y. 10583

9/1/87

Dear Eric -

What a kind thing
to do!! Your call to
encourage me was so
much in character. You
consistently show that
you're exceptional.

Ruth was "disturbed"
by my reception for the Fennesham
talk at A.N.A. I was only
"disappointed". The organization
just isn't a scholarly
oriented entity - - with exceptions
such as you, Hubbard and Breen
plus a few others.

I understand that. Ruth
doesn't. You're a gem —
Joe

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September 2, 1987

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
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Dear Joe:

I am looking forward to the receipt of your loan of the Colonial currency with signatures of those who signed the U. S. Constitution. They will be put into the exhibit immediately. As you know, the case in which they were exhibited in Atlanta is too large for our cases and, therefore, this should not be sent.

You were very nice to try to complete our technical varieties of North Carolina 1760 issues, but we do have the enclosed 10 shilling note with the bottom border of ornaments and are returning it herewith. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 8, 1988

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
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Dear Joe:

Thank you so much for the book on Cobs. I will read it carefully as it has very interesting information.

As far as the dollar sign is concerned, it is total speculation. I am doing some other research on that which may clarify the problem.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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9/23/88

Dear Eric -

Here are the xeroxes
of the 2d Mass 1742/4
as requested. I've added
a xerox of ^(Thomas) T. Johnson Sr
on a Maryland 10/17/80.
I think this might be
the "Richardson" signature
being attributed to the 5/10/81
issue. Am I correct?

All the Best -

Jae

9/11/88

Dear Joe:

I need a good photocopy
of your 15 sh Mass June 20, 1744
for my book. - Front & back.
I have a poor set of them.
Thank you.

In the Maryland issue of
5/10/81 I have a signer to be
added by the name of Richardson.
You say his name is John. Are
you satisfied that this is OK. There
is a Joseph Richardson in PA
1769 and prior. There is no
Continental signer of the
Richardson name.
Please advise.

Eric

JOSEPH R. LASSER
119 CUSHMAN ROAD
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1/3/89

Dear Eric -

I was more than a little bit surprised to hear of your problem last week, but knowing you, I feel the energy will return quickly and you'll be moving as fast as ever in a short time.

Should you want some help that I could provide in speeding the new volume, I'd be pleased to help.

Here's a xerox of a piece that I picked up at NASCA. Low quality and too expensive, but the third signature is not recorded Cornelius Van Der Veer.

-- and I can't locate his name in the New York records.

Get well quick and have
a Happy New Year!! All the Best,
Joe

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February 15, 1989

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
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Dear Joe:

I succeeded in hiding the 20 cent New York City issue which you sent in December and did not find it until yesterday. I really cannot accept this personally although I'm very grateful for the thought. If you wanted to give it to Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society then it could be accepted as a charitable donation and solve the problem. If you care to keep it, please let me return it. All options are open to you except giving it to me personally.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Welcome from Egypt.

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February 15, 1989

Mr. Joseph R. Lasser
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Dear Joe:

I have carefully reread your article on the Feversham. I think it has many fascinating aspects and I can realize how much work you put into developing it. I congratulate you on it and I'm glad that I had an early copy when it was in developmental form.

In connection with your findings, I am enclosing the forward which I wrote to the Quaterman Publication of Noe's work on Massachusetts silver and in that I mention a pie shaped piece of Massachusetts silver. You have now described many additional items of this nature. The slices shown in Noe's publications were) apparently not for circulation.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman



EPN:bv

J.

JOSEPH R. LASSER

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

May 26, 1989

Dear Eric -

What a pleasure to
talk to you yesterday!!!

Your analytical talents
and solution oriented intellect
are wonderful to "watch"
(observe).

Hopefully, a sound and
quiet conclusion can be
reached between the ANS
and Bischoff.

All the Best,
Joe